Card (MNIC) to the citizens in the country. The project envisages providing unique National Identity Number (NIN) to each person in the National Population Register. However, keeping in view the complexities involved both in the processes and technology, a pilot project has been under implementation on an experimental basis covering a population of 30.95 lakhs in the selected areas in 12 States and 1 Union Territory. Under the pilot project, identity (Smart) cards are being issued to the citizens of age 18 years and above.

The production and distribution of identity cards has been undertaken through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). This was to be completed by July, 2007. But due to time taken in sourcing of raw materials and stabilization of rejects during personalisation, this has taken time and will be completed by March, 2008.

It is proposed to decide on the implementation of the scheme in the entire country in the light of the experiences gained and lessons learnt from the pilot project.

Representations from Kerala not to deport Pakistani citizens

151. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many representations from Kerala, not to deport Pakistani citizens who are staying with their relatives for quite long time;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to allow the above Pakistanis to stay with their relatives;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the competent authority would take a sympathetic view on the above representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) A number of persons from Kerala who had gone to Pakistan after the partition returned back to India at different points of time on Pakistani Passports in order to join their family members. Cases have been filed individually in the Courts in Kerala for determination of their nationality status for grant of Indian citizenship u/s 9(2) of Indian Citizenship Act, 1955 and in most of such cases stay has been obtained from High Court of Kerala against their deportation. In the meantime the matter was considered by the Government and orders were issued on 01/11/2000 which were modified *vide* order dated 31/8/2005 regarding grant of Long Term Visa (LTV) to such Pak nationals who re-entered Kerala at different points of time subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions so as to enable them to apply for Indian Citizenship as per rules.

Attack on North Indians in Mumbai

152. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many North Indians have been attacked and intimidated and their properties damaged in Mumbai by particular groups of people;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and estimated loss of damage of property so far;